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Hold Up in Diamonds

Just as over a year ago we informed you that the rubber shortage in America was due to the greed and economic tyranny of Dutch and British rubber barons, so today is American industry being restricted and hindered in its production program by the monopolistic grip of British diamond pirates. In the rubber situation, the rubber cartel boosted its price to such an extent that we were prevented from building up a large stock pile.

The diamond situation is similar—we are prevented from building up a surplus by The Diamond Corporation, a British syndicate, which wishes to insure its control of price and output now and in the post war world and which will not, therefore, release any more diamonds, even in time of war for war production, than are necessary for current needs.

Despite the terms of the Atlantic Charter, which seeks to provided accessibility to raw materials for all nations, the British-owned cartel has complete control over a commodity vital to American production. Attempts on the part of the United States Justice Department to take action against this control so far have met with little success since there is no American connection through which it can work.

The agreement, worked out by the syndicate and two members of our Board of Economic Warfare, provides that the diamond corporation will supply industrial diamonds to American industries in quantities sufficient only to meet the present demand. American industry requires approximately a million carats a month now, and expects to use at least equally great quantities in its peace time production. A large reserve of industrial diamonds has been established in Canada so that, should shipments from Britain be held up, American firms can draw on the Canadian supply. This scheme safeguards the complete control which the diamond trust has in the price-fixing and distribution of its product. Never will it permit any other group to secure a supply of diamonds and give the syndicate competition!

The United States, as its part of the pact, has agreed not to insist on purchases of industrial diamonds from any other sources, and to send equipment and machinery to Africa to be used in the British-owned diamond mines there. Tractors, tons of copper wire, dynamos, generators and other mining needs, worth fabulous sums of money, have already been shipped out.

Although precious machinery is rushed to the African mines, the WPB has refused to grant a priority for an American company to purchase $226,000 worth of machinery, a small amount compared with the machinery sent to Africa. The North American Diamond Corporation owns productive diamond properties in Arkansas which it wished to develop, but because men interested in the British diamond syndicate hold important positions in Washington, no help was forthcoming for the native concern.

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The Choice

A factual report of what is being discussed in closely censored official circles in Washington is still far, far from the line of propaganda that is being fed to the public. Let us outline for you briefly the high points of importance and interest:

The American people are being betrayed again by political horse trading in Washington. American interests abroad and public interest at home have been placed secondary to the task of holding the party political line. There are well-known Democrats who are as loud in these charges as are Republicans. You can be sure of one thing, that the handling of the Hull-Welles and Wallace-Jones controversies will go down as about the cheapest, most shameful episodes in American political history. American citizens are being commanded to surrender their sons, their savings, their energies for victory, but our leaders and officials in Washington aren't even willing to compromise their political ambitions, their small minded, personal pride and party interest to keep America strong.

It is now admitted that the fall of Mussolini and the success of our arms in Italy —believe it or not—found us completely unprepared. We began by having General Eisenhower speak highly of the King of Italy, while our official spokesmen in Washington, the OWI, called him a moron. After the tumult that resulted was heard throughout the world, we proceeded to threaten the Italian workers and masses, whose rising power and pressure had pushed Mussolini out of power, with death and destruction if they didn't step forward and flatten out on the ground before us. Neither Churchill nor Roosevelt have yet uttered a single, direct appeal or promise to the popular resurgent forces that are on the verge of overthrowing the entire Italian fascist, high-finance government. Even Mr. Roosevelt has given no word of indication that a liberal, common people's republic in Italy would receive support from the United States.

President Roosevelt's recent, frank admission that "absolutely nothing has been done about deciding upon a post war disposition of Germany" is a serious admission that we are counting only on blood and guns instead of heart and mind to make a better world. One of the most important sources of information from Germany, the Swiss Neue Zuercher, reported a few days ago that there was no question but that the *German people were passionately seeking a means of escape from a regime in which they no longer believed,* but that the Allied spokesmen have completely *failed to offer* them a way to end the war quickly by overthrowing their mad masters. Have our leaders drifted so far into the world of guns and goods they have forgotten that man is a spirit? Have they forgotten Woodrow Wilson's 14 points which touched off a spark in millions of hearts and in three months ended a war that was thought would last at least two more years?

As we have informed you repeatedly, the biggest controversy now raging behind the scenes is over the question, "Is this a war to maintain the status quo of aristocracy and finance, or is this a war to free the common man?"

Denials and accusations are flying back and forth, some of them occasionally breaking out over the air or in the press, but most of them are censored and suppressed.

As a Christian, you should be pondering this choice, as to the preference between a world society to be dominated, as in the past, from the privileged few at the top—who in Germany, Italy and elsewhere have been willing to sell out to tyrants to retain their place,—or a society dominated by forces rising from the base of the social pyramid. There is danger, as well as promise of progress, at both ends of this pendulum swing.

Between the Lines does not seek to inflict a choice. It only seeks to inform, that God may direct the choice. But how can God speak unless we see and understand?

The Administration and Labor

The relationship of the Roosevelt administration to the labor movement has been one of the disturbing elements in the present national scene. As we have repeatedly emphasized, the growing power of labor is of tremendous importance in our everchanging social structure. While the press and the radio are continually exposing the sins of the labor leaders and unions, and suppressing the sins of monopolistic corporations, we have felt it our duty to reverse the procedure so that we may furnish our readers material that is otherwise difficult to obtain and which gives them a more true and balanced picture.

We have, however, often pointed to some of the dangers lurking within unionism, especially as it is related to our political life. Nothing is more disturbing and significant along this line than the revelation, which has been brought to light in several quarters, that our present administration is *refusing to prosecute* union leaders and labor racketeers, even when they are caught red-handed in illegal dealings and are being brought to justice by local state authorities for crimes that are also under Federal jurisdiction. In such cases the Federal government should back the local governments, as it does in other cases not involving labor leaders.

Columnist Pegler, who frequently goes to extremes in his attacks on labor, has brought serious charges against the administration Justice officials. These charges dare not be brushed off lightly although New Deal officials have tried to do so.

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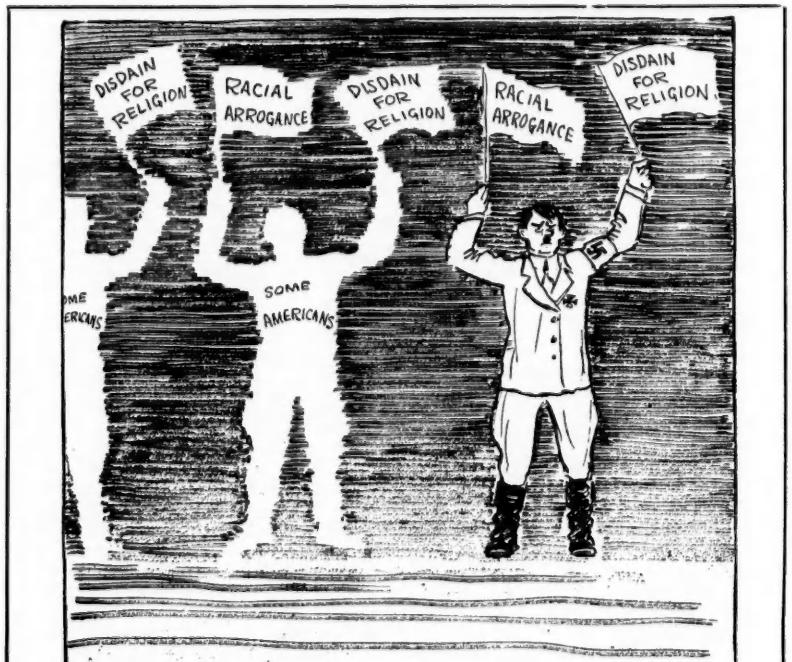

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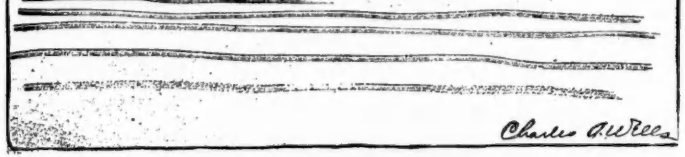

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Our country will be safer when the boys who have done the real fighting return and push into the background the shouting blood-drinkers who stick to their political soft spots and their arm chairs by the radio.

When Johnny Comes Marching Home

Many post war planners are worrying about reemployment of soldiers at the close of the war but few of them seem to know that that problem exists now and not only in the future peace time world. Almost five hundred thousand young Americans are at home from the fighting fronts. They have been mustered out of service and are looking for jobs. Another group of more than half a million will be discharged from military service in the next few months.

These boys, of course, are coming back to busy factories and an acute shortage of manpower. Even so, many of them are having difficulty finding jobs. The word has gone around that these men have been seriously wounded and are disabled, that many of them were discharged from military duties because of mental and nervous conditions. Some employers have a tendency to suspect even the ablest, mentally and physically, veteran of a "psycho-neurosis." And the failure of those who *are* nervously-disturbed to find employment tends to aggravate their condition.

Psychiatric casualties constitute 28% to 35% of all men discharged from the Army, according to Dr. Thomas A. C. Rennie, associate professor of psychiatry at Cornell and attending psychiatrist of the rehabilitation clinic established at The New York Hospital. Although many of the psychiatric cases are likely to prove incurable, Dr. Rennie declared that "unquestionably a considerable proportion of them can be rehabiliated to perform highly useful work in essential industries."

If an employment problem exists *now* for this war's veterans who are seeking to rebuild their lives, think what it will be when the boys start coming back in great numbers and the factories are shutting down because war materials are no longer needed. True, civilian products will be needed and the factories will switch over to peace time production, but—it should cause us to pray and think—can America make the shift fast enough? These boys won't wait long!

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The Attorney General, bearing out his statement that deception and profiteering is greater now than it was during World War I, told the assembled attorneys that in addition to the seventy-one cases already tried, there are 123 Federal indictments and 1,279 investigations pending.

Objectors' Rights Defended

Christians sincerely disagree on the pacifist position, but no Christian, who is familiar with the text and spirit of the teachings of Christ regarding the hatred and intolerance which modern war requires, can escape a haunting concern for the many hundreds of young men who are in prison or concentration camps because they have—shall we say—taken Jesus a little too seriously. You may be sure of one thing, these men are not cowards. The popular acclaim and comradeship of battle with its relatively small percentage of casualties, would be a relief to what these silent, sincere lads go through.

Prison authorities seem to mete out harsher treatment to conscientious objectors than they would to hardened criminals. In many cases the men who willingly went to prison for their beliefs, have protested vicious anti-democratic practices by going on work or hunger strikes. Severe repressive measures have been taken against such protesters and they have been denied contact with friends and family by strict censorship of mail and the elimination of correspondence and visiting privileges. They have no way of making their desperate situation known. The general attitude of prison authorities seems to be that, "When you come inside prison gates, you leave all your rights behind."

Reports filter through of the incarceration of conscientious objectors in an insane asylum and of the attempt made at a Missouri mental institution to "break the will" of two of these men by placing them, without clothing, in a "strip cell", which is a cell bare of furnishing where the only toilet facilities consist of a hole in the floor.

Indignant protests are being made by such organizations as the Civil Liberties Union, and demands are being heard for an investigation by the Bureau of Prisons of the treatment accorded conscientious objectors. Congress, also, is being urged to institute a separate investigation of the matter.

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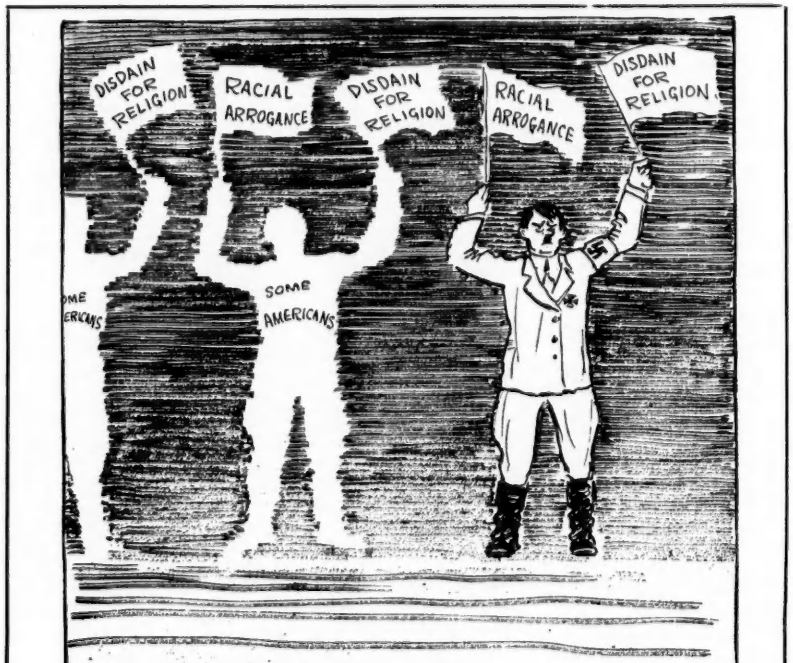

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While certain elements in our American society shout (4,000 miles away from the fighting front) how they would kill all Germans, etc., here is the way our fighting men react when the smoke and noise of battle is just a few hours away:

American journalist Raymond Clapper, on returning by plane from England recently, reported, "I came home by air last week with a German prisoner, a young Luftwaffe lieutenant. He was a pleasant lad and became quite popular among the American army officers on the plane. I sat beside him in the plane and pointed out the buildings on the New York skyline. The last I saw of him was a rather touching picture. A young American major, coming home from many months in a combat area, went up to the German prisoner to say goodby. They shook hands, saluted, and parted as old friends might have done."

Our country will be safer when the boys who have done the real fighting return and push into the background the shouting blood-drinkers who stick to their political soft spots and their arm chairs by the radio.

When Johnny Comes Marching Home

Many post war planners are worrying about reemployment of soldiers at the close of the war but few of them seem to know that that problem exists now and not only in the future peace time world. Almost five hundred thousand young Americans are at home from the fighting fronts. They have been mustered out of service and are looking for jobs. Another group of more than half a million will be discharged from military service in the next few months.

These boys, of course, are coming back to busy factories and an acute shortage of manpower. Even so, many of them are having difficulty finding jobs. The word has gone around that these men have been seriously wounded and are disabled, that many of them were discharged from military duties because of mental and nervous conditions. Some employers have a tendency to suspect even the ablest, mentally and physically, veteran of a "psycho-neurosis." And the failure of those who *are* nervously-disturbed to find employment tends to aggravate their condition.

Psychiatric casualties constitute 28% to 35% of all men discharged from the Army, according to Dr. Thomas A. C. Rennie, associate professor of psychiatry at Cornell and attending psychiatrist of the rehabilitation clinic established at The New York Hospital. Although many of the psychiatric cases are likely to prove incurable, Dr. Rennie declared that "unquestionably a considerable proportion of them can be rehabiliated to perform highly useful work in essential industries."

If an employment problem exists *now* for this war's veterans who are seeking to rebuild their lives, think what it will be when the boys start coming back in great numbers and the factories are shutting down because war materials are no longer needed. True, civilian products will be needed and the factories will switch over to peace time production, but—it should cause us to pray and think—can America make the shift fast enough? These boys won't wait long!

otherwise.

Attorney General Francis Biddle, addressing a gathering of lawyers in Chicago, stated that, "In this much bigger war than the last one, the war frauds are much bigger than they were in 1917 and 1918."

Mr. Biddle said that the Federal government had completed seventy-one cases of fraud, securing convictions and penalties in ninety percent of them. He expressed the feeling, however, that the penalties exacted not only were almost uselessly light but also that similar charges brought vastly differing sentences in various sections of the country.

The Attorney General, bearing out his statement that deception and profiteering is greater now than it was during World War I, told the assembled attorneys that in addition to the seventy-one cases already tried, there are 123 Federal indictments and 1,279 investigations pending.

Objectors' Rights Defended

Christians sincerely disagree on the pacifist position, but no Christian, who is familiar with the text and spirit of the teachings of Christ regarding the hatred and intolerance which modern war requires, can escape a haunting concern for the many hundreds of young men who are in prison or concentration camps because they have—shall we say—taken Jesus a little too seriously. You may be sure of one thing, these men are not cowards. The popular acclaim and comradeship of battle with its relatively small percentage of casualties, would be a relief to what these silent, sincere lads go through.

Prison authorities seem to mete out harsher treatment to conscientious objectors than they would to hardened criminals. In many cases the men who willingly went to prison for their beliefs, have protested vicious anti-democratic practices by going on work or hunger strikes. Severe repressive measures have been taken against such protesters and they have been denied contact with friends and family by strict censorship of mail and the elimination of correspondence and visiting privileges. They have no way of making their desperate situation known. The general attitude of prison authorities seems to be that, "When you come inside prison gates, you leave all your rights behind."

Reports filter through of the incarceration of conscientious objectors in an insane asylum and of the attempt made at a Missouri mental institution to "break the will" of two of these men by placing them, without clothing, in a "strip cell", which is a cell bare of furnishing where the only toilet facilities consist of a hole in the floor.

Indignant protests are being made by such organizations as the Civil Liberties Union, and demands are being heard for an investigation by the Bureau of Prisons of the treatment accorded conscientious objectors. Congress, also, is being urged to institute a separate investigation of the matter.

Profits in Power

A good many Christians feel that great natural resources, water, power and light, should be publicly owned and controlled instead of privately owned and privately controlled for the profit of the few—profits drawn from everyone's absolute need of such things.

The government feels electrical power and light should be operated for the common good and not for private profit, but great corporations, which work behind a shield of partial distribution of their investment stock to the public while the control remains in the hands of the few, have continuously fought the government program for returning the national power resources to the people.

We have reported to you on this struggle in the past. Recently Congressman Rankin, of Mississippi, brought forward a table of comparisons, now entered in the *Congressional Record*, to show how public owned and public controlled power would benefit the people. Miles McMillin recently published a report of this in *The Progressive*, a report which demonstrates forcefully the tremendous sums the powerful exact from the needs of the nation's population. Mr. Rankin took the amount paid for power in 1942 by each state and placed it beside the amount that would have been paid for the same measure of power had the government-built and controlled Tennessee Valley Authority rates prevailed in each case. These figures clearly indicate that the American public is being ruthlessly overcharged for a service vital to the American way of life.

The power trusts will, of course, do all in their power to discredit Mr. Rankin's figures. In presenting these tables, however, Mr. Rankin said: "If every person who uses electricity could read and understand what these figures mean to them, there would be such a ground swell of demands for relief from these overcharges that no official or set of officials could resist them."

To save space, we present herewith only a few of Mr. Rankin's comparative figures:

State	Kilowatts Used 1942	Total Cost	Total Under TVA Rates	Over-charge
Ark.	683,145,000	$16,811,000	$8,945,934	$7,865,006
Cal.	12,005,897,000	198,175,200	152,321,279	45,853,921
Ill.	10,397,217,000	205,524,500	113,204,822	92,319,678
Ind.	4,286,988,000	85,064,400	49,061,887	36,002,513
Iowa	2,017,295,000	46,735,900	25,741,659	20,994,241
La.	1,645,335,000	31,148,700	15,781,723	15,366,977
Maine	975,232,000	18,700,900	10,200,161	8,500,739
Mass.	4,322,849,000	113,448,800	56,818,482	56,630,318
Mich.	7,097,806,000	134,278,900	76,671,788	57,607,112
Mo.	3,489,639,000	68,648,800	41,417,857	27,230,943
Neb.	773,693,000	19,973,300	11,458,180	8,515,120
N. Mex.	178,147,000	6,599,200	2,616,419	3,982,781
N. Y.	18,429,737,000	361,418,600	175,957,975	185,460,625
Ohio	11,137,170,000	183,233,400	113,962,679	69,270,721
Okla.	1,201,583,000	30,359,900	16,315,747	14,044,153
Penna.	15,700,440,000	249,036,700	153,861,342	95,175,358
Texas	4,716,867,000	95,196,300	52,673,271	42,523,029
W. Va.	2,752,822,000	37,641,700	23,274,974	14,366,726
And for a total of the whole United States	158,333,465,000	$2,850,307,400	$1,665,073,726	$1,185,233,674

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Japanese in the American Army

Put this down against all the flood of lies being spread around against American citizens of Japanese descent. Newsman Heath, of the Scripps Howard syndicate, upon interviewing the Army officers in charge of Camp Shelby, Mississippi, where a large group of Nisei (American-born Japanese) are being trained, reports:

"On the whole, their officers feel that they are just a little better soldiers than most of the Caucasians—not because of difference of race, mentality or physique, but because these men combine a mission of revenge with a bit of suspicion that they are on a spot and, because of the color of their skins, must be particularly careful.

"Also they represent a rather select group of men with superior intelligence quotients who almost forced themselves into uniform.

"In their first month these men spent $2,000 at one bookstore for technical and military books costing up to $5 each. At the library they demand American history, biography, social science, military books and works on the care and maintenance of motors. The library has not yet been asked for any book on Japan.

"Once in a while it may be necessary to tell them something twice, but not often. They are so eager to learn that they are constantly attentive and usually get it the first time."

Minority Report

The Dies sub-committee which investigated Japanese Relocation Centers backfired! Only the report was generally suppressed throughout the country.

Two members of the committee, Congressmen Costello of California and Mundt of South Dakota, who are pledged to represent violent sentiment against Japanese Americans to their constituencies, issued reports with the usual trite accusations of pampering, disloyalty and subversive activity in the Relocation Centers. And, as usual, the papers gave wide publicity to their reports. Soon after, however, Congressman Eberharter of Pennsylvania, the third member of the investigating committee, issued a minority report that blew the lid off. He charged that the report of his colleagues was meaningless, filled with accusations without evidence, and generally untrue and prejudiced statements.

Of course, Mr. Eberharter's shocking exposure of the very committee he was serving on has been kept quiet, only one news weekly and a few papers even mentioning it. Recommending the segregation of loyal Japanese from those who are disloyal to the United States, Mr. Eberharter said, "It is worthy to note that of all the evacuees who have been released on both seasonal and indefinite leave numbering more than 16,000, no report of disloyalty or subversive activity has been made to the authority or to this subcommittee."

Stating that food costs in the relocation centers averaged about 40¢ per day per person, Mr. Eberharter denied that the interned Japanese were being pampered and "fed better than the average American." "When proper weight is given to the importance of preserving democratic and constitutional principles in the treatment of the Japanese-American population with, at the same time, proper regard for the national security," he said, "it is evident that the relocation centers and the outside relocation program are being administered efficiently and well.